

CHESHIRE AND MERSEYSIDE

State of the Sector report

LIVERPOOL CITY REGION

Summary Review 2023

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Liverpool City Region (Merseyside)

Size and scope of the VCFSE sector in Liverpool City Region

Number to registered charities	2,763	24%
Community Interest Companies (CICs)	981	8%
Companies Limited by Guarantee (CLGs)	1,866	16%
Registered Societies	193	2%
Community Sports Clubs	93	1%
Below the radar groups (BTR)	5,679	49%
Total	11,575	

Size of workforce

Number of paid staff	21,807
Number of volunteers (once a month minimum)	216,979
Number of regular volunteers	89,344
Volunteer hours per week	289,475

Value of workforce

Value of paid staff	£520.9 million per year
Value of volunteering	£164 million per year
Total	£684.9 million per year

Economic contribution of the VCFSE sector in Liverpool City Region

£795.9 million GVA per year

This executive summary report should be read in tandem with the wider Cheshire and Merseyside State of the Sector report to help the reader relate findings to wider regional and national trends where it may be of interest to do so. Additionally, important data caveats are contained within the regional report to be aware of when interpreting these findings.

Summary of Liverpool City Region Survey Responses

- **238** groups in Liverpool City Region responded to the survey (**2%** of the total size of the sector).
- The majority of surveyed groups were registered charities (**49%**) with **9%** of groups reporting as unincorporated associations (below the radar). This is skewed in comparison to the total number of organisations in the sub-region as detailed above in which BTR organisations make up the majority of the sector.
- **63%** of groups are over **10** years old, with only **3%** of groups reporting that their organisation was formed in the last 12 months.
- Groups are more likely to be working at either a whole local authority (**30%**), or local neighbourhood (**23%**) level, **15%** operating across the City Region.
- **68%** of surveyed groups are micro-small sized organisations earning less than **£100k** a per year.
- **28%** of groups main activities fall under wellbeing, health and social care as the most common area of work.
- In terms of beneficiaries, **25%** of groups report supporting “everyone” followed by children and young people (**12%**) and people with mental health needs (**11%**).
- The most common source of funding for organisations is through fundraising and donations (**22%**) followed by local authority grants (**14%**) and charitable trusts/foundations (**13%**).
- Of groups that employed paid staff, **53%** employed full-time staff and **54%** employed part-time staff.
- **67%** of organisations in Liverpool City Region with paid staff pay the Real Living Wage or above.
- **92%** of organisations utilise volunteers with **70%** of these organisations reporting that volunteers are essential for the running of their organisation.
- The most popular priority for Liverpool City Region groups over the next 12 months is sourcing funding opportunities (**17%**) followed by recruiting and retaining volunteers (**10%**), maintaining sufficient reserves (**10%**), organisational planning and strategy (**10%**).



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